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## NSU receives grant from BP for oil-spill research

Written by:

Victoria Rajkumar

NSU's Oceanographic Center will use part of a \$10 million block grant, received from BP in August, to research the Gulf of Mexico oil spills's impact on marine ecosystems.

Richard Dodge, dean of the OC, said, "We are very pleased the OC is continuing its mission of high quality education in the marine sciences. The research being done here makes up 75 percent of NSU's overall research."

The OC will collaborate with other universities on four major projects, which were selected from proposals by the Florida Institute of Oceanography, a group of 20

educational institutions throughout the state.

The research projects include: Assessing the impact of oil exposure to marine life in the deep-sea areas of the Gulf of Mexico; periodic evaluation of offshore fish communities to understand the effects of the Deepwater Horizon spill on their feeding habits and amount of contaminants in their tissue; measuring the current oil spills's impact on marine sponge and microbe communities; and analysis of the coral; sponge communities of the West Florida shelf to establish current conditions and to evaluate changes as a result of the spill.



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NSU's Oceanographic Center recently received a \$10 million block grant, part of which will be used to conduct research on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill's impact on marine ecosystems.

SEE OIL SPILL 2

## NSU to launch fall Leadership Conference

Written by: Victoria Rajkumar

On Sept. 24, NSU will host a fall Leadership Conference that will be open to any student who wants to enhance his or her leadership skills.

Nhee Vang, graduate assistant of student development in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and coordinator of the conference, said the conference features activities and sessions that prepare students to become active leaders in their school and community.

"Great leaders are not born, but are made," said Vang. "We want to help students become better leaders at NSU and the community. I would like for students to embody the lesson left behind by Mohandas Gandhi, 'Be the change you want to see in the world' and apply themselves in being active members of their community. That's what leaders do; they make a difference in the world."

There will be several sessions including creating a personal mission statement, service leadership and identifying how to exemplify leadership.

Michael Fields Ph.D., dean of the Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, urged students to take advantage of these sessions.

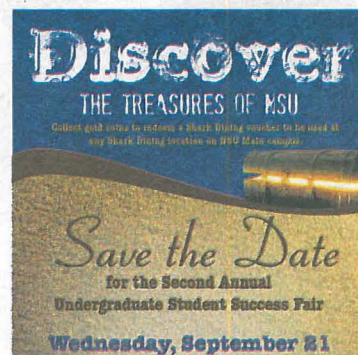
"It is vital that students get involved in leadership organizations," he said. "By doing so, students are preparing themselves in entering a competitive job market and it gives them an advantage that will forever be beneficial for them and their company."

Two keynote speakers will be featured at the event: Kenneth M. Baylor, DBA., a guest lecturer in leadership, organizational behavior, management, change, business strategy, and human capital curriculums; and Cori Wallace, a director of marketing, who provides organization-wide consultation and technical direction in areas such as marketing, communications, customer service, public affairs, and community affairs and outreach.

Vang, said, "I wouldn't be where I am if I never got involved and became a leader. With leadership qualities you can get anywhere — in any area. I hope students recognize this and seize the valuable opportunity that they have been offered."

Students who want to participate must register online at <http://www.nova.edu/studentleadership/registration.html> and may contact Nhee Vang at [nv152@nova.edu](mailto:nv152@nova.edu) for more information.

Undergraduate fair aims to help students find success



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Written by:

Stephanie Fleming

The Office of Undergraduate Student Success will host the Second Annual Undergraduate Student Success Fair on Sept. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center.

Sheila Fabius, M.P.A., student success specialist in the Office of Undergraduate Student Success said the fair is a large event that promotes campus resources that help students succeed in their studies and, ultimately, complete their degrees. She said the fair was also developed to bring NSU's academic resources to students in one location.

"Participating in the fair is a fun

SEE SUCCESS FAIR 2



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Richard Dodge, dean of the OC, said, "We hope that those results will be published in scientific literature and will become available to other scientists. With our newly found information, we can better prepare for the future of our marine ecosystems."

Jose Lopez, Ph.D., associate professor at the OC and David

Kerstetter, Ph.D., research scientist at the OC, are principal investigators on two of the projects. Mahmood Shivji, Ph.D., professor and director of the OC's Guy Harvey Research Institute and Jim Thomas, Ph.D., OC professor are co-investigators on two additional projects.

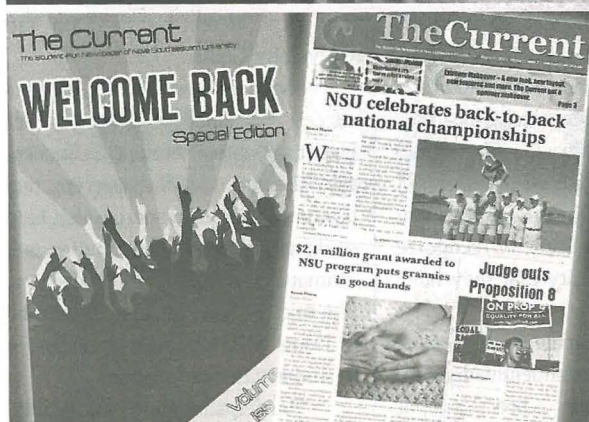
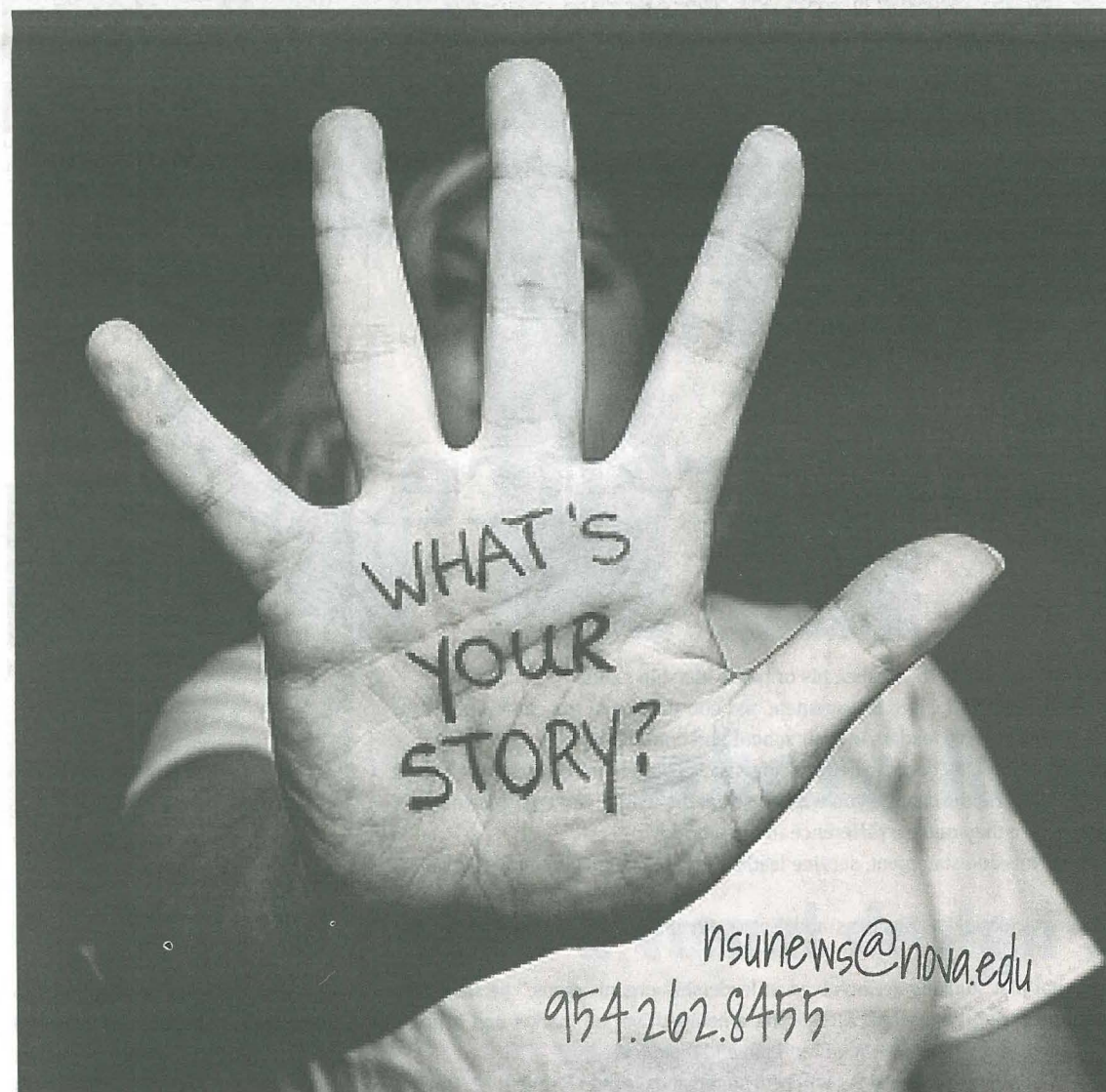
Dodge said the facility members

who received the projects were very pleased since it was a competition between many universities to come up with worthwhile proposals to even be considered for the grant.

"We are very proud that NSU could be apart of it and come out successful," he said.



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and interactive way for students to learn about what's already available to them here on campus," said Fabuis.

There will be exhibits at the fair along with representatives from NSU organizations including: the Alvin Sherman Library, Office of Career Development, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Financial Aid, First Year and Transitional Programs, HPD Allied Health and Nursing, Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, NSU Athletics, OIT Computer Labs and Student Disability Services.

Fabuis said she expects a large student turn-out.

"Last year, over 200 students participated in the event," she said. "This year we are expecting an increase in student participation."

The \$5 Shark Dining vouchers awarded last year to students who interacted with representatives from eight or more exhibits will be awarded again this year. One-hundred and eighty-five participants received vouchers last year.

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## News Briefs

### Performance artist Guillermo Gómez-Peña comes to NSU

On Sept. 22 and 23, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences (FCAS) will host two events featuring activist, artist and educator Gómez-Peña as part of the 2011-2012 Distinguished Speakers series. The events include an audio-visual lecture entitled "Multiple Journeys: The Life and Work of Gómez-Peña" and "Strange Democracy: Border Wars." Admission is free but tickets are required. Tickets are available in the Office of the Dean of FCAS on the 2nd floor of the Mailman-Hollywood building. The Distinguished Speakers series host prominent leaders in their fields on campus each year.

### NSU launches its annual Biggest Loser challenge

Applications for the Biggest Loser challenge will be accepted until Sept. 30. Participants in the 16-week program sponsored by the Office of Campus Recreation take part in rigorous daily exercise. The program was started at NSU in 2007. Participants must be NSU students or employees. Interested persons can complete an application at <http://www.rec.nova.edu/biggestloser/register.html>.

### RecPlex offers self-awareness course

Starting Sept. 26 the NSU RecPlex will feature a six-week course in physical fitness and skill performance. The group will meet once a week every Monday at 8 p.m. The cost is \$60 per student/member and \$75 per non-members. For more information contact Mike Prociuk at [prociuk@nova.edu](mailto:prociuk@nova.edu).

### Court rules that single spank of the buttock not unlawful

On Sept. 16, in Tallahassee, a three-judge panel of the 1st District of Appeal overturned an injunction against a father who was accused of child abuse by his ex-wife for spanking their 14-year-old daughter on the buttocks with his hand. The father, who was only identified as G.C., said the child was being disrespectful and defiant. The judges ruled that the punishment was compliant with common law and a 2002 Florida Supreme Court ruling that reasonable and non-excessive corporal punishment can be used as a defense against child abuse charges.

### Puerto Rican teen stabs classmates with hypodermic needle

On Sept. 15, a 14-year-old girl stabbed 37 classmates with a hypodermic needle on the playground of Jose De Arroyo middle school in Arroyo, Puerto Rico. Puerto Rican health authorities are investigating whether the needle was contaminated. Students who were stabbed were tested for HIV and hepatitis C and given preventative medication. No criminal charges were filed against the attacker. However, she was suspended. School authorities and social workers are interviewing her to determine motive for the attack.

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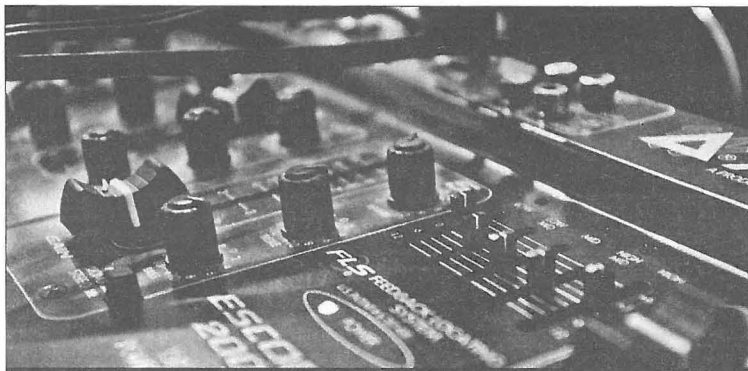


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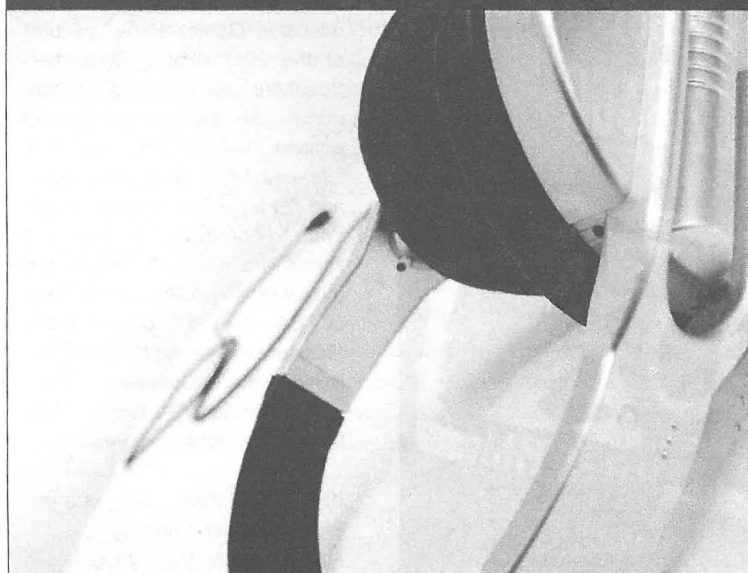
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# Office of Academic Services sees increase in student use

Written by:  
**Alyssa Sterkel**

The Office of Academic Services is busier this semester because of incoming freshmen seeking help earlier.

Cortney Palmacci, coordinator of Main Campus Tutoring, said, "In the past, it took a couple weeks to get going. This semester, though, tutoring started right from the beginning. Students are coming in pretty quickly."

Palmacci recommends that students continue to come in early for tutoring in order to address problems, which will build a solid learning foundation and a solid knowledge base as they progress in their courses throughout the semester.

"With math and science courses, students build upon knowledge, so if a student waits until the end of the semester, they've already been confused or lost for weeks," said Palmacci. "It's much harder to catch up when you don't have a good foundation."

The Office of Academic Services offers three tools for students: tutoring, testing and individualized academic success strategies.

Professional and student tutors help students with math and science classes and also with writing assignments. The office also offers testing for students who may

be referred to take College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams and makeup exams. In addition, the office offers testing accommodations for undergraduate students with disabilities.

If students need individualized assistance with study strategies, they have the option of meeting with a professional staff member who can provide specific resources.

"This aspect is there for students who may be struggling with the transition to college. If they need help with study strategies or prioritizing, they can meet with a professional and learn how to read and understand the textbook, how to use their time wisely and other important tools," said Palmacci.

The Office of Academic Services is a tool for students who have a specific problem and for those who don't, said Lisa Walther-Austin, Director of the Office of Academic Services. It is a way for students to stay current and be proactive with their studies.

"Tutoring is a part of studying. It's another tool or resource to incorporate into your studies and help you stay current. It's for every undergraduate student at all levels to help them keep the edge and make sure nothing slips through the cracks," said Walther-Austin.

The office offers tutoring sessions Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.

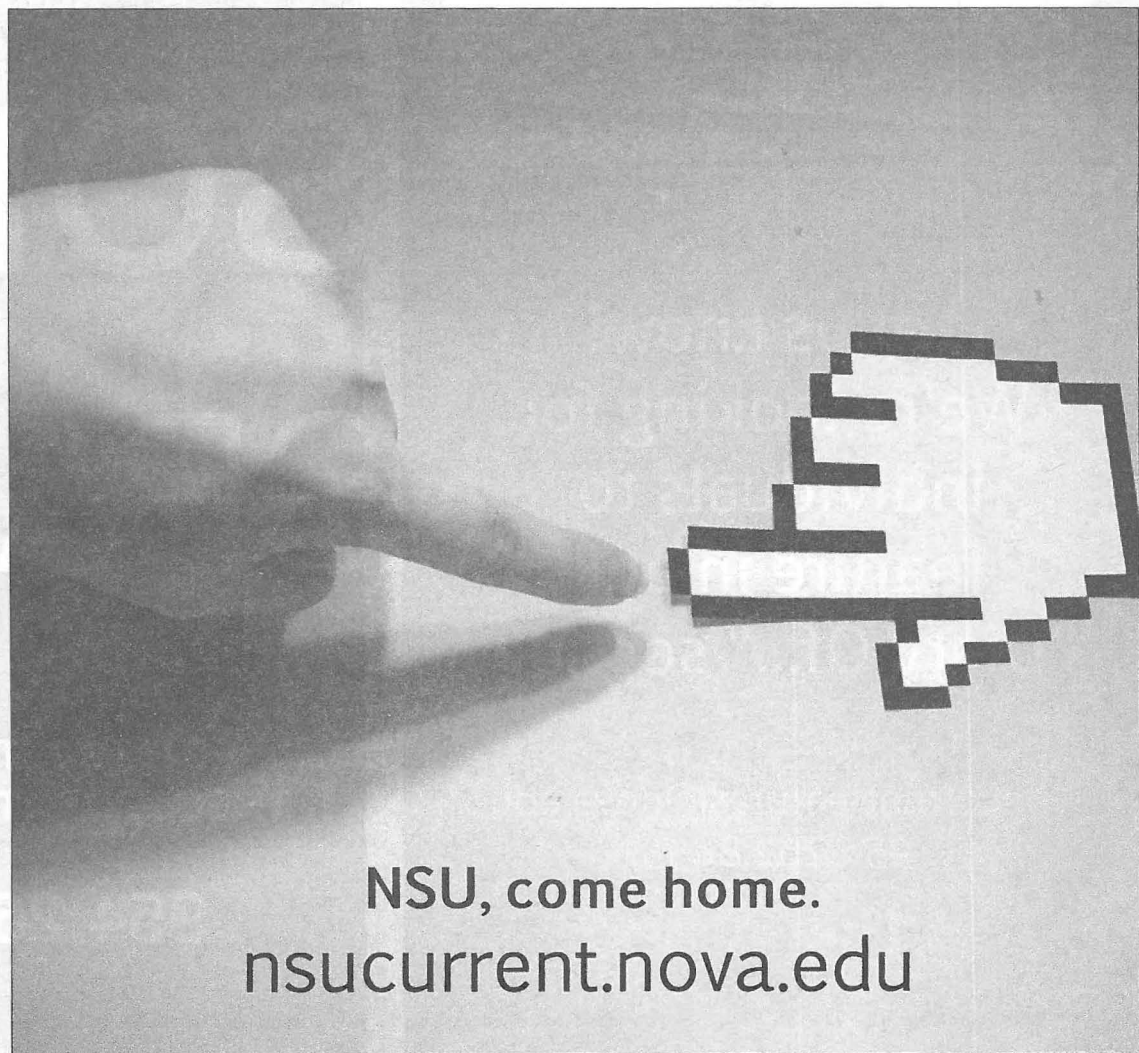
until 2 p.m. Though walk-ins are accepted, there's no guarantee that a tutoring slot will be available. It is recommended that students make an appointment a few days in advance, either by phone or by dropping in. During the weeks before midterms, though, it is recommended that students make appointments a minimum of one week in advance.

Walther-Austin also recommends that students not schedule a session the week something is due, especially if it is a writing assignment, so that there is time for feedback to be provided.

Students should also bring a draft of their work to sessions due to the collaborative process of the tutoring. The session is for the student to understand how to make improvements and revisions and how to apply them in that assignment and future assignments, said Palmacci.

Students may not only use the center to seek help, but there are opportunities to become tutors.

If a student is looking to become a tutor with the Office of Academic Services, the application and list of requirements are featured on their website. Once hired, all tutors go through a comprehensive in-house training program certified by the College Reading and Learning Association, said Palmacci. They learn strategies and tips to help students learn, in addition to their knowledge of various class subjects.



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# Recipes that bring Starbucks into your kitchen

Written by: **Alyssa Sterkel**

If you're a coffee junkie or if Starbucks is slowly making you broke, worry no longer. Below are coffee recipes, similar to those served at the infamous coffee joint that will leave your wallet bursting with money. The ingredients may cost more than that \$4 cup of joe when you pick them up from the grocery store, but they will last longer. You won't feel the pinch when you use your own coffee maker at home, spices and other goodies.

## Pumpkin Spiced Latte (Recipe taken from Allrecipes.com)

This is the perfect recipe to make use of the many ingredients you already have, like milk and sugar. If you need to buy vanilla or pumpkin pie spice, remember that the money spent will last you much longer than that one trip to Starbucks.

- Ingredients:**
- 3 cups hot whole milk
  - 4 teaspoons white sugar
  - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
  - 6 ounces double-strength brewed coffee
  - 3 tablespoons sweetened whipped cream
  - 3 pinches pumpkin pie spice

Combine the hot milk, sugar, vanilla extract and pumpkin pie spice in a blender; blend until frothy. Pour the mixture into 3 coffee mugs to about 2/3 full. Pour 2 ounces coffee into each mug. Garnish each mug with whipped topping and pumpkin pie spice.

## Mocha Coffee (Recipe taken from Allrecipes.com)

This recipe is even cheaper than the first, especially if you already have a coffee maker. Make sure you're always stocked up on unsweetened cocoa powder, white sugar and milk and you'll never be without a Mocha Coffee.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup hot brewed coffee
  - 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
  - 1 tablespoon white sugar
  - 2 tablespoons milk

Pour hot coffee into mug. Stir in cocoa, sugar and milk.

## Chai Tea Mix (Recipe taken from Allrecipes.com)

If you're not a coffee drinker, try this Chai Tea mix. It may consist of a lot of ingredients, but the mix will last you a long time and leave you with many cups of steaming Chai Tea.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup nonfat dry milk powder
  - 1 cup powdered non-dairy creamer
  - 1 cup French vanilla flavored powdered non-dairy creamer
  - 2 1/2 cups white sugar
  - 1 1/2 cups unsweetened instant tea
  - 2 teaspoons ground ginger
  - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
  - 1 teaspoon ground cloves
  - 1 teaspoon ground cardamom



In a large bowl, combine milk powder, non-dairy creamer, vanilla flavored creamer, sugar and instant tea. Stir in ginger, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. In a blender or food processor, blend 1 cup at a time, until mixture is the consistency of fine powder. To serve: Stir 2 heaping tablespoons of the Chai tea mixture into a mug of hot water.

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## Onshore September events by students, for students

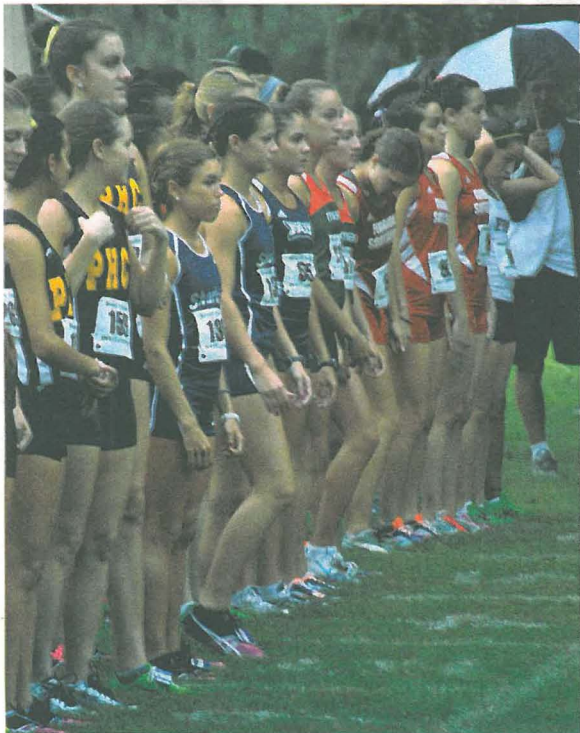
- Monday-Friday, Sept. 19-23**
- Crave Week » 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Various venues
- Ablaze is sponsoring a week of fasting from lunch to dedicate time to God's work.  
Contact: Lauren Peterson, lp738@nova.edu
- Thursday, Sept. 22**
- Portrait of the Messiah through the Biblical Feasts: Understanding the prophetic nature of the Jewish High Holidays» 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Alvin Sherman Library, Room 3015
- Guest Speaker – Rabbi Neil Lash  
Sponsored by Ablaze, Contact: Lauren Peterson, lp738@nova.edu
- Monday, Sept. 26**
- Student Coalition for Animal Rights Group recruitment » 6 p.m. Don Taft University Center
- Looking for members who are passionate about welfare and advocacy of all animals.  
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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Student-Coalition-for-Animal-Rights-Nova-Southeastern-University/238435546194849>
- Tuesday, Sept. 27**
- Hillel "Lunch & Learn" » 12-1 p.m. Rosenthal room 204
- Learn about the Jewish New Year and Holiday Rosh Hashana  
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# Cross country season off to good start



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(Left) Members from the women's cross country team line-up to start their race at the South Florida Invitational on Sept. 9. (Right) Kevin Meagher was named Sunshine State Conference Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week for the period ending Sept. 11.

Written by:

**Kevin Preciado**

The cross country teams began their seasons on Sept. 2 and competed again on Sept. 9. The men finished fifth at both events while the women finished fourth and sixth. Despite the youth and inexperience on both teams, head coach, Bryan Hagopian said he is impressed with the teams' performance so far.

"I am pleased [with the results]. Our incoming athletes performed very well and our upper classmen were right on cue. It was good to start getting our feet wet and to get going in the right direction," said Hagopian.

For the meet on Sept. 2, the women actually finished second in the conference, while the men finished third. Hagopian was very excited that

the team was asked to race at the USF Invitational on Sept. 9.

"They've only invited certain teams, and we're one of the teams that got invited. It's great for the program to be getting recognition from Division I schools," said Hagopian.

Nico Crecco, junior has been very happy with the performance of the team so far, especially with so many new faces.

"We have had two pretty solid races under our belts with our new team. We look to continue to strive for success these next couple of meets," said Crecco.

Hagopian feels the teams will continue to improve as they gain experience. He hopes both teams will finish in the top two for conference and qualify for nationals.

"I think that we have very

talented athletes on both the men's and women's teams, and just the idea of both of them qualifying to nationals is awesome," said Hagopian.

One of these athletes is freshman, Craig Sulken. Other than adapting to the 6 a.m. practices, he's been working on improving his stamina.

"[The biggest adjustment in college] is getting used to the early morning practices. I've [also] been trying to get more miles in, and just getting used to the longer races," said Sulken.

Runners on the men's team typically run 70-100 miles a week, and the women 60-80 miles. By running more miles, Sulken believes he'll be better able to help the team achieve their goals.

"I just want to help this team qualify for nationals," he said.

## ON THE BENCH

Commentary by:  
**Kevin Preciado**



## Usain Bolt: Greatest athlete on the planet

Is he faster than a speeding bullet? Probably not. But, he just might be the most dominant athlete in the world. Just who is this mystery athlete? Well, don't blink because you'll miss him.

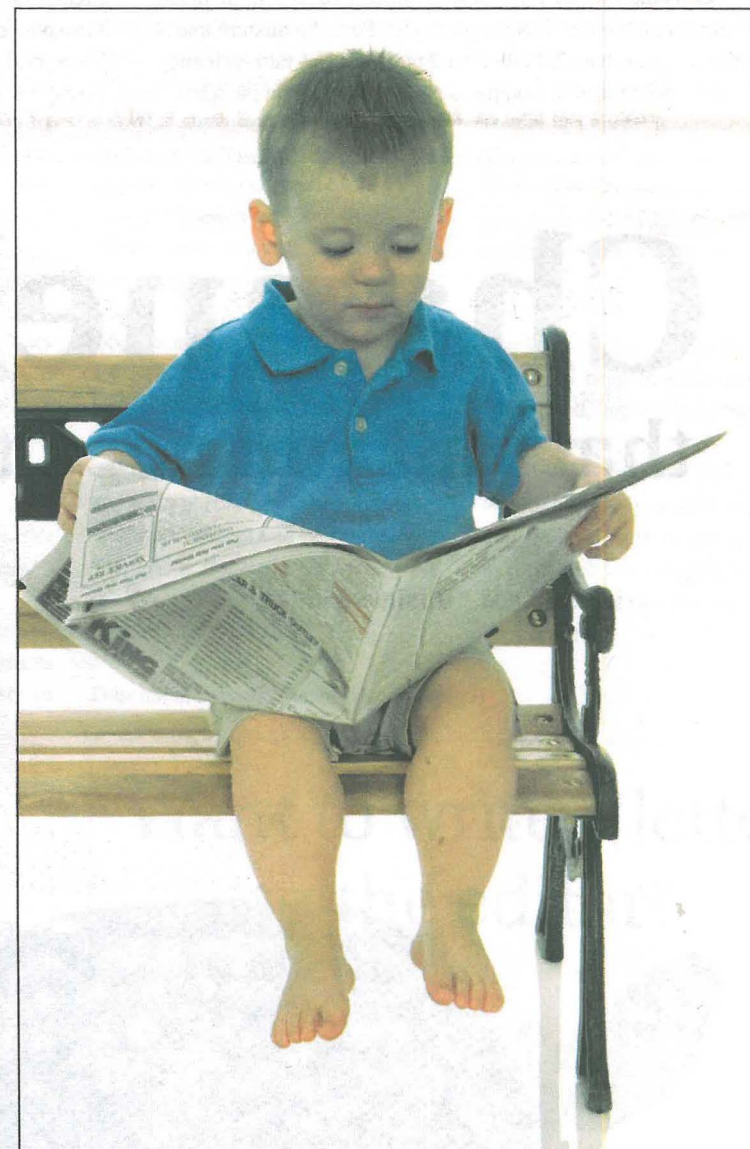
The fastest man alive, Usain Bolt, has to be seriously considered the best in the sports business. It just seems like the only way this guy can lose is through disqualification; yeah, he's that good.

For once, the greatest athlete on the planet doesn't throw for touchdowns, hit home runs, or dunk the basketball; instead, he glides like a cheetah. When sports fans watch Bolt compete, they aren't watching to see whether he'll win or not, they're looking to see if he'll shatter another world record.


The Jamaican icon has won on the biggest stages with style. He burst onto the scene when he won three gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and has run away with just about every accolade ever since. Oh yeah, he's only 25 years old.

Is there anyone else who dominates a sport quite like Bolt? Perhaps, one could make an argument for either Lionel Messi or Michael Phelps. However, Messi has yet to win a World Cup and Phelps hasn't been as consistent as Bolt lately.

One thing is certain, if Bolt puts on another dazzling performance at the 2012 Summer Olympics, this won't even be up for debate. Let's hope that this lightning bolt does strike twice.



## At least look smart.

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## SPORTS SHORTS

WRITTEN BY  
**KEVIN PRECIADO**



### Men's Soccer

The team improved its record to (2-2) with an overtime victory over Carson-Newman on Sept. 9 and a win over Tusculum on Sept. 11. Alvin Quay, senior defender, was named SSC Defensive Player of the Week.



### Women's Soccer

The team is off to a perfect (3-0) start as they recorded a double-overtime victory over Tusculum on Sept. 9 and a win over Wingate on Sept. 11. Malin Broberg, sophomore forward, was named SSC Offensive Player of the Week.

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

The cross country teams competed in the USF Invitational on Sept. 9. The men finished fifth out of eleven teams, and the women finished sixth out of thirteen teams. Kevin Meagher, junior, was named SSC Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week.

### Volleyball

With a (2-6) record, NSU volleyball recorded its first victory on Sept. 8 against Harding and their second win came against Queens on Sept. 10.



# Sexism in sports

Written by:  
**Kevin Preciado**

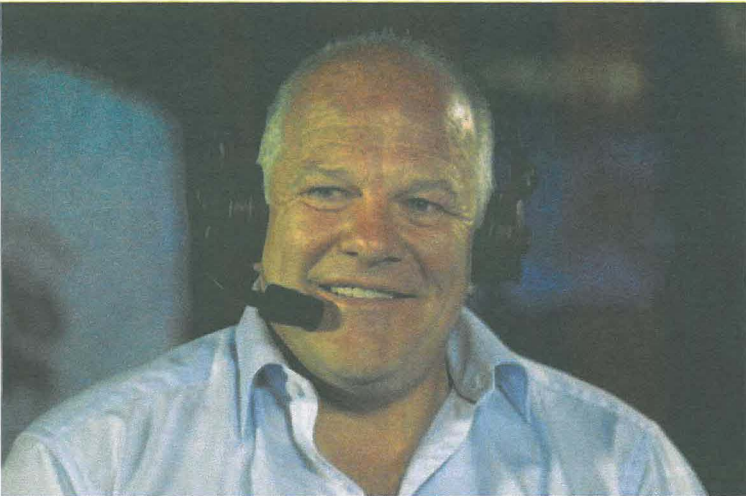
Despite the many achievements of women in sports over the years, sexism still exists. In January, Scottish sports commentator, Andy Gray's multi-million dollar contract was terminated because he made sexist comments about a female official.

The issue also extends to collegiate sports, which led to the development of legislation such as Title IX, which requires equal funding for male and female athletes including scholarship distribution.

NSU operates under Title IX standards. Dani Millan, sophomore softball player said she hasn't experienced sexism while playing at NSU, but she said she has seen it when she's played coed sports.

Paola Ruiz, senior volleyball player, said, "There is always this 'boys are better athletes than girls' thing in the sports world but never have I felt that because I'm a woman I've been treated differently here in college. I think the NCAA has really tried to erase sexism from college athletics."

However, Ruiz said she believed high school athletics isn't



Sky Sports fired Andy Gray in January due to his sexist remarks about a female official.

as accommodating as the collegiate level when it comes to gender equity.

"In high school, though, you feel that because you're in a female sport you're treated with less importance. For example, I play volleyball and the treatment of me versus a football player will be different," she said.

LeAnn Freeland, head women's basketball coach said she has witnessed sexism in the past.

"When sexism rears its ugly head in sports today, I believe it is a result of ignorance," said Freeland.

Mike Goodrich, women's soccer head coach, believes sexism

in sports is a worldwide issue.

"Legislation, specifically Title IX has made a huge impact in women's sports here in the U.S. in creating opportunities for women. With that said, athletics are still a reflection of society so there is no doubt that while it has improved in the last twenty years it still exists," said Goodrich.

Ruiz, said, "It's not all equal, because of society and some limitations females still face, but I think women prove themselves every day. This goes beyond just sports, it has to be a change of mentality for society as a whole."

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# Pilots, premieres and promos: Fall primetime is finally here

Written by:

Stephanie Fleming

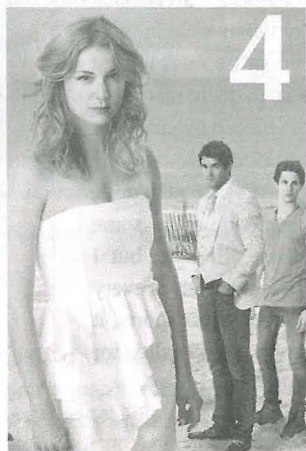
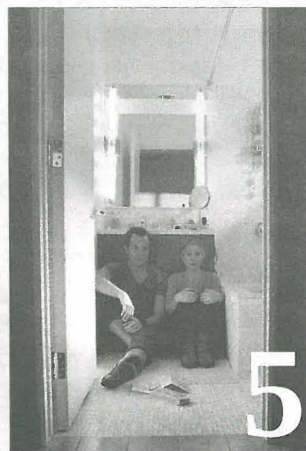
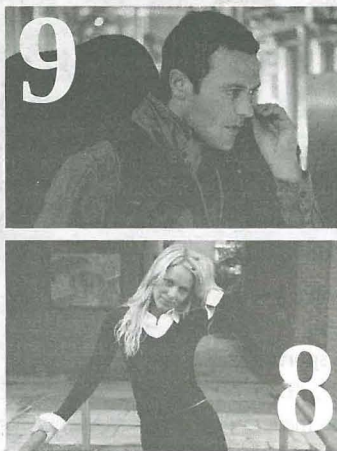
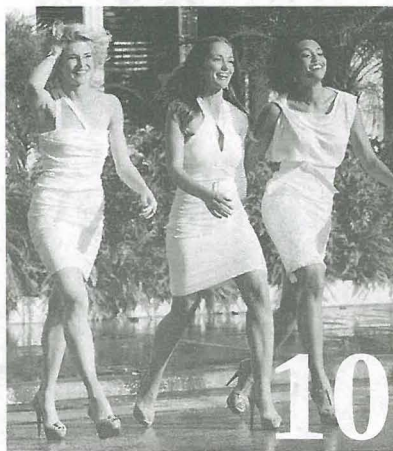
Fall is in full swing, and that means we finally get to see some good TV. It's been a long, boring summer, and there's been a lot of anticipation over new shows set to premiere this month. The good news is that the sitcom seems to be making a comeback. We could all use a few more laughs in our lives, so let's hope at least a couple of them succeed in reaching our funny bones. Here's my top ten picks of must-see new TV shows, whether sitcom, dramas or cop shows and why they're worth watching.

**10. "Charlie's Angels."** The remake of the original series and movie, that will have three hot women solving crimes in Miami, is set to premiere Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. on ABC. Why it's worth watching: "Charlie's Angels" has been around so long, it's worth a look to see what kind of new twists the series gets. Besides, it's filmed in Miami, so just spotting some familiar places on TV is exciting.

**9. "Terra Nova."** The sci-fi adventure produced by Steven Spielberg is set to premiere Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. on FOX. Why it's worth watching: Steven Spielberg is enough to make any show worth watching. Add an adventure to a new world, some scary dinosaurs and you've got the potential for a very exciting hit.

**8. "Prime Suspect."** The detective drama set in NYC with Maria Bello as a tough female detective is set to premiere Sept. 22 at 10 p.m. on NBC. Why it's worth watching: She is one cool chick. She gets the crap beat out her and still puts on a dress and goes to dinner looking pretty good, bruises and all.

**7. "Pan Am."** The 1960s drama about the Pan American World Airways is set to premiere Sept. 25 at 10 p.m. on ABC. Why it's worth



watching: It takes us back in time to when we could fly without feeling like we are taking our lives in our hands. And the outfits are cool. It's very authentic, kind of like watching history but fun.

**6. "Two Broke Girls."** The sitcom centered around two girls working in a diner is set to premiere Sept. 19 at 9:30 p.m. on CBS. Why it's worth watching: We're all broke so it's nice to have someone to relate to on TV. So many TV characters seem to have endless money when they barely work, think Carrie Bradshaw and her adorable Manhattan apartment and endless Monolo supply and all she did was write a weekly column. And Kat Dennings is so cool.

**5. "Up all Night."** The first-time mommy, daddy sitcom is set

to premiere Sept. 14 at 10 p.m. on NBC. Why it's worth watching: Christina Applegate makes every sitcom worth watching. She is funny and charming and relatable. I'm not too excited about the endless baby jokes but if Christina's a part of it, I think I'll love it.

**4. "Revenge."** The Hampton's centered drama is set to premiere Sept. 21 at 10 p.m. on ABC. Why it's worth watching: It takes place in the Hamptons and who doesn't love Hampton scenery decorated with beautiful people. We may have lost "Brothers and Sisters" but at least we can still see Emily Van Camp get revenge on the people who caused her father's death.

**3. "Whitney."** Comedian Whitney Cummings writes, produces and stars in the new comedy set to

premiere Sept. 22 at 9:30 p.m. on NBC. Why it's worth watching: Whitney is just plain funny. There's no forced sitcom jokes, no lame punchlines, just a genuinely funny character played by a very talented comedian.

**2. "Last Man Standing."** Tim Allen's new sitcom about a man surrounded by women is set to premiere Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. on ABC. Why it's worth watching: Tim Allen is back on TV. To see that, I would watch anything. He was awesome as Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor and he should be just as awesome in this new series, although he will probably break less stuff and I doubt Mr. Wilson will be there to give him advice. If you don't know who Mr. Wilson is you really need to rent "Home Improvement" DVDs.

**1. "New Girl."** Zooey Deschanel's new comedy about

a dorky girl who moves in with a bunch of guys is set to premiere Sept. 20 at 9 p.m. on FOX. Why it's worth watching: Zooey Deschanel. When she ever not worth watching? She the perfect star: adorable, funny, girl you-want-to-be-friends-with. She helps that it follows "Glee" and has talented supporting cast with actors like Damon Wayans. But Deschanel is all you need to make the perfect sitcom and, hopefully, bring new life into the genre.

Whatever shows you choose to watch, hopefully, you'll enjoy them and find yourself laughing out loud at some point or clinging to the edge of your seat anxious to see what will happen next.

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### Thursday 9.22

HSBC Tennis Cup Bank Atlantic Center 7:30 p.m.  
Disney on Ice American Airlines Arena, Miami 7:00 p.m.

### Friday 9.23

Disney on Ice American Airlines Arena, Miami 7:00 p.m.

2011 DocMiami International Film Festival Doral Golf Resort & Spa, Miami

### Saturday 9.24



Disney on Ice\* American Airlines Arena, Miami 7:00 p.m.  
Preseason Hockey – Florida Panthers v. Tampa Bay Lightning Bank Atlantic Center 7:30 p.m.



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### Sunday 9.25

Disney on Ice American Airlines Arena, Miami 5:00 p.m.

### Monday 9.26

Florida Marlins vs. Washington Nationals SunLife Stadium in Miami 7:10 p.m.



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# SUTV: More than just a pretty face

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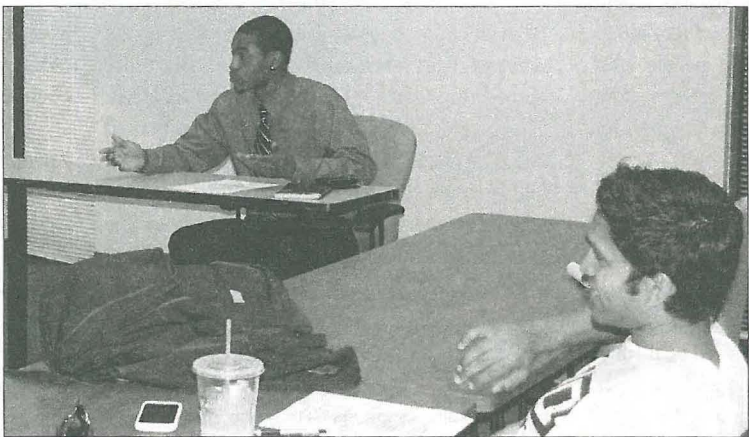
NSU's student-run television station is more than meets the eye. Sure there are great movies to watch, breaking news stories to check out and riveting sports highlights to watch, but Sharks United Television is also a place where students can learn to be a part of an exciting TV show.

There are opportunities for students to write, direct, film, edit and star in a show. Station Manager and junior exercise science major and theater minor, Gregory Hinds, and Creative Director and junior communications studies major, Kelsey Cortez, want to get students involved and teach them the intricacies of television programming.

Hinds said the most important part of his job is creating a real world experience for all the volunteers.

He does this by assigning students jobs in groups and sending them to film events, appear on camera or edit the resulting film clips.

Cortez said, "Our goal is to give students real world work experience in video production and provide them with skills they can use in internships,



Sharks United Television Station Manager Gregory Hinds conducts a weekly meeting with staff and volunteers.

jobs, etc. Also to have fun while connecting students with on campus activities and organizations."

There are many things for students to do at the TV station and no experience is necessary. Cortez and Hinds provide training in whatever area students are interested.

"Students can learn all of the following at SUTV: how to operate video, sound, lighting equipment, edit on Final Cut Pro, work with deadlines, leadership, and getting more comfortable working on camera," said Cortez.

Cortez said joining the station is a valuable way for students to spend their time.

"Students joining SUTV can get involved in almost anyway. Everything from camerawork and reporting to directing, editing, and web design. There's something for everyone," said Cortez. "We're looking for members who want to learn valuable skills in production while getting more involved in the on campus community."

For more information on SUTV, visit their office in Room 1 of the Athletics and Student Affairs building or call (954) 262-2602.

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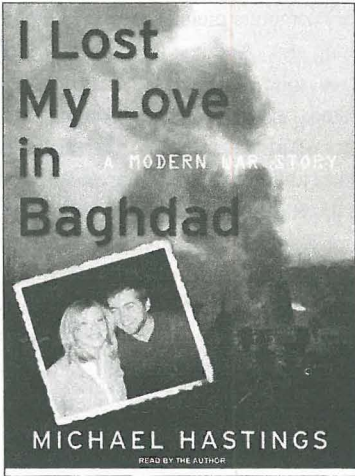
# Lost love is just an excuse to write about the war in Iraq

A review of  
*"I lost my love in Baghdad,"*  
written by Michael Hastings

Written by:  
**Stephanie Fleming**

Michael Hastings delivers an intriguing and strikingly honest account of the war in Iraq and the life and death struggle faced by members of the press in their efforts to cover it in "I lost my love in Baghdad." Unfortunately, it is interspersed with an uninspiring and often boring love story between him and Andi Parhamovich, a girl he met just before being sent to Iraq. The details of their relationship often become painful to read and distract from an otherwise fascinating tale about life inside the "Green Zone." Sadly, it is the tragic death of this young woman, who comes off as an insecure stalker when she follows her boyfriend into a war zone, along with the love story that took her to Iraq that is the alleged focus of the book.

Hastings writes with such passion when discussing his first-hand account of the daily details of the war and the people he encounters. He describes his meeting with Captain Gregory Hirschey who leads a bomb squad unit that searches for IEDs and who came to Iraq because he had a premonition of his own death and felt if he was going to die, he might as well die for his country. And the conversation with the men from the Louisiana National Guard as they realize the devastation caused to their home town by Hurricane Katrina is compelling and fraught with emotion. But the descriptions of Andi and his relationship with her are so tedious and dull, it feels as though he is merely reading facts from a newspaper article. He fails to give her any depth or purpose and

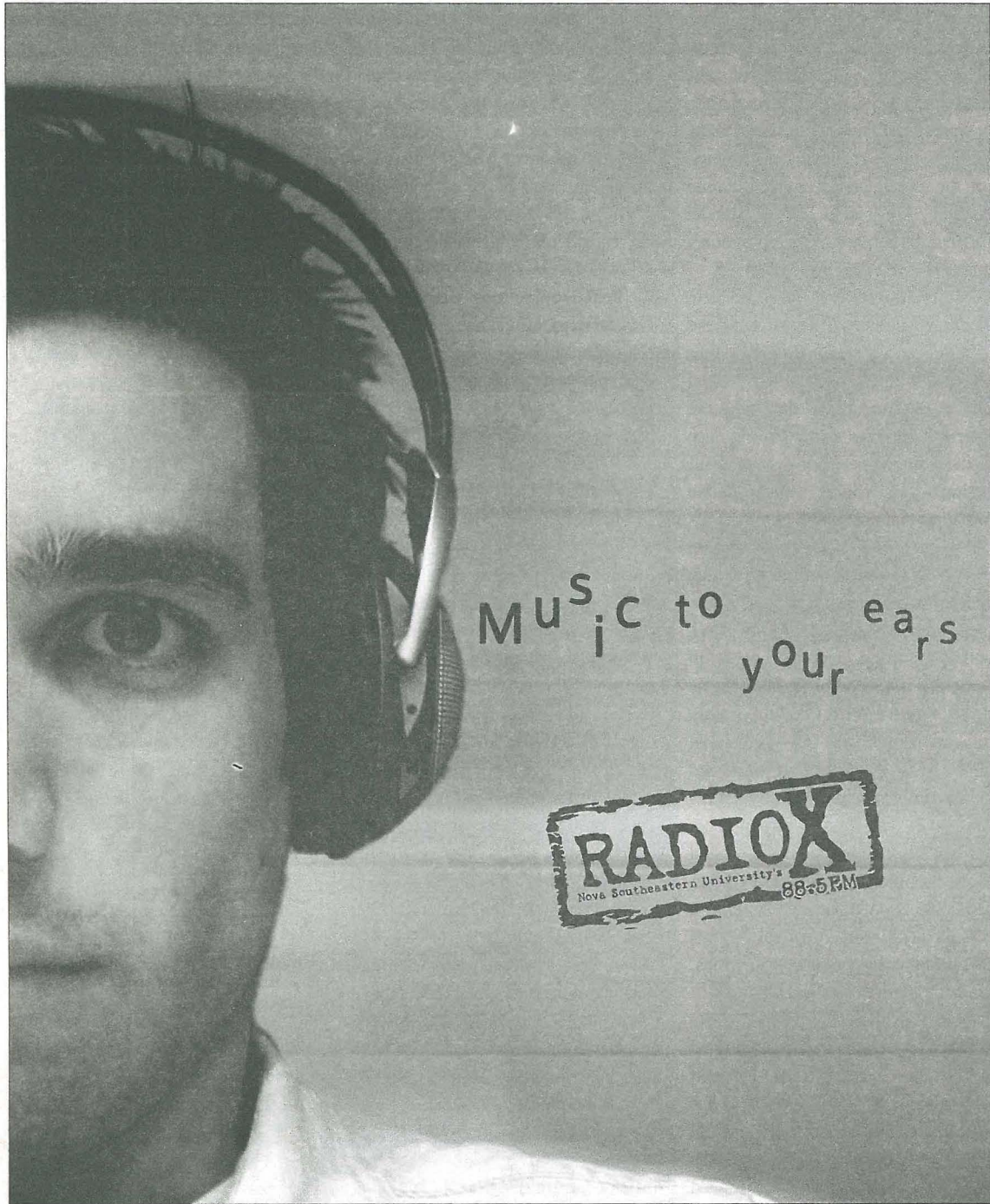


Michael Hastings' book "I lost my love in Baghdad" is supposed to be a tribute to the author's girlfriend who was killed after following him to Iraq.

appears on the surface to be using her death as an excuse to sell books.

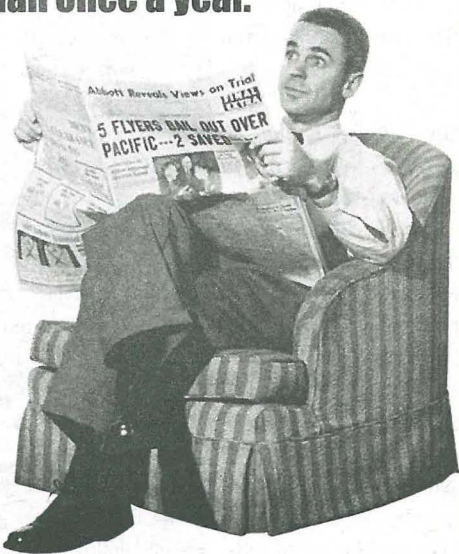
It is easy to understand why Hastings is in Iraq and why he felt compelled to expose himself to the increasing violence. What is not clear is why Andi went to Iraq, what she hoped to accomplish there and what her job description actually was at the National Democratic Institute. Hastings skims over the fact that she began working there as though it were a trivial matter that had no relevance to who Andi really was, perpetuating the insinuation that she merely followed a man into a combat zone.

Perhaps Hastings has not yet come to terms with the loss of his love sufficiently enough to allow him to discuss her death with the same passion and emotion that he discusses the war. Or perhaps he did not believe the book would be published without the hook of a lost love. Either way, the book fails to deliver the tragic, heart-wrenching love story that the title promises.



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...more than once a year.





# It's called “Lost and Found” — not “Lost and Kept”

Written by:

**Nathaniel Dolan**

On several occasions over the last year, I've left items behind at various places around campus. Everyone has fallen victim to this, particularly when we're so focused on our studies and rushing around to make class times. Once, I left a textbook in a classroom. My 3-ring binder has been left in the Parker lobby twice. I absentmindedly left the power cable to my computer plugged into a classroom wall not long ago. And just the other day, I'd removed two solid silver rings, in order to wash my hands, and then left them on the sink in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Parker men's room. I returned 20 minutes later to find that they were already gone.

Right up to this last momentary lapse in conscientiousness, I have been very impressed by the level of integrity in our community and how most people here seem to be very good at turning things in to Public Safety's Lost and Found department or simply leaving items where they are so that the owners can return to find them. I even had one guy who was nice

enough to thumb through my 3-ring binder, find my name and phone number on one of my documents, and was actually trying to call me when I returned to retrieve the binder.

I've turned items in to Lost and Found several times and I've just enjoyed so very much that I go to school with a lot of people who actually maintain a high level of integrity and concern for their fellow community members by doing the same. But now — regrettably — there is a little bit of tarnish on the whole thing for me.

Every item I've lost at NSU has been returned to me in one fashion or another — except for those rings. I really am surprised. Honestly, when I was on my way to the men's room to retrieve those rings, I darned near fully expected to find them sitting right where I left them. All the way down the stairs from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor I couldn't help but recall the several previous occasions when my items had been returned. I actually was a little surprised to find those rings gone, and then, not find them turned in to Public Safety. Call me crazy for having a little faith in my fellow students.

Of course, it would not have been good

at all if my textbooks had not been returned — they aren't cheap. And, that 3-ring binder, which carries my student life in it, would be very challenging to reproduce if it were lost forever.

Textbooks and binders, though, can be replaced and order can be restored in the universe with items such as those. But those darned rings, man. Those cannot be replaced. They were very unique. One was procured in Los Angeles and the other in Las Vegas. I highly doubt that I'll ever see rings like those again anywhere — unless I spot them on the perpetrator who kept them. They really mean a lot to me as they remind me of some very interesting times and places from my life. And, they weren't cheap. Given my experiences thus far at NSU, I'd bet that almost anyone who might have happened upon those rings on the men's room sink would have turned them in. I guess I just have lots of luck and got one of the few who doesn't consider others when moving about their day or any concern at all about another's loss. It's probably the same guy who cut me off in traffic and nearly ran me off Pine Island Road on my way to school that day.

So yeah, there is now a little bit of a blemish on my mental image of NSU honor. Someone among us apparently just doesn't have any. I guess it really comes as no surprise that, out of the several items I've lost and found at NSU, it turns out to be those rings that were lost and kept by the finder instead of returning them to their rightful owners.

C'mon NSU. Let's raise the bar of our personal honor and maintain a bit more concern where others' property is concerned. I bet the guy who has my rings probably wouldn't have stolen them off my desk if he'd walked by during class when I'd removed them to stretch my fingers. Therefore, just because something is mistakenly left behind doesn't necessarily mean that the owner doesn't want it back and it certainly doesn't entitle you to just take and keep what isn't yours. Succinctly put, the definition of stealing is “taking something that belongs to another.” This includes lost items. If you find something that doesn't belong to you turn it in. Because if you don't, well — you're just a thief no different from any other low-life thief — and there's no honor among thieves.

## College students listed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for suicide deaths

Written by:

**Nathaniel Dolan**

Youth depression and suicide is an international issue that still competes daily for fundamental understanding and a firm foothold in our national awareness — as though this comprehensive issue is just no big deal in the minds of many and doesn't yet seem to warrant international attention. Regrettably, the statistics suggest otherwise.

Sept. 12–17 was National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week. NSU hosted a week-long lecture series on this critical sociological issue, culminating Sept. 15 at the NSU Maltz Center for Psychological Studies with the Ganley Foundation's presentation of data and commentary on youth depression and suicide. The statistical data on the issue is rather sobering and demands attention right here at NSU.

Contrary to popular belief, suicide, and its attempt, is the direct result of neurobiological illness or injury — not choice, anger, upset, or retribution. The facts unveil the truth for the naysayers among us:

- Nationally, suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in college student populations
- Suicide is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in high-school aged citizens nationally
- In Florida, suicide is the 9<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death
- Nationally, suicide is the 11<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death
- Statistically, mental illness is just as lethal as physical illness or injury
- Suicide is a genuine act of self-

injury with the intent to die — not a failed attempt at simply feigning “overly” dramatic demonstration.

- Mental illness and suicide play no favorites. The neurobiological bases for mental illness and suicidal acts demonstrate no apparent bias and effortlessly cross all cultural and sociological boundaries. Everyone is susceptible. No one is immune.

It was sobering to sit among the lecture attendees and note that, statistically, among the 30 or so NSU psychology majors and masters candidates in attendance:

- 6 will suffer clinical depression at some point during their lifetimes
- 6 will seriously consider suicide as their only option to escape their woes
- 3 will actually attempt suicide as the only option to alleviate their emotional pain
- Only 1 out of 3 who attempt suicide will receive any help whatsoever

In other words, out of the 30 attendants in that lecture hall in Maltz on Sept. 15, at least three are likely to attempt suicide in the near future. It's not a matter of “if.” It's simply a matter of “who” and “when.”

In the United States, there are 12 suicides occurring daily among our nation's youth, with one youth suicide taking place every 2 hours and 11 minutes.

This is reality. In Florida, the suicide rate nearly — and consistently — doubles our state homicide rate

every year and there are approximately 30 failed suicide attempts for every one effective suicide.

Grace L. Carricarte, 10-year veteran School Suicide Prevention Specialist, and Executive Director at the Florida division of the international Ganley Foundation, presented statistic after statistic, along with so much relevant commentary, on the depth and scope of human clinical depression and suicide, particularly among our nation's youngest, best, and brightest.

Carricarte has devoted her life to society's mental health, and the information she brings to bear is, after all, unsettling, to say the least. And yet, as chilling as the data may be, Carricarte makes a compelling case in that this critical issue demands our nation's immediate, open-minded attention and unfettered compassion.

“Even as a teenager, promoting mental health is something to which I have always aspired. Being able to help others in such desperate need, and supporting mental health in society at large, has brought to me the most rewarding life I could possibly imagine,” she said. “My personal mission is to share those rewards and gifts with everyone in need whom I can reach. The time is long overdue that society understands that mental illness is no different than any other physical illness or injury. The brain is a physical element of the human body. When the brain malfunctions, the body naturally follows suit.”

Ashley Jarvis, first-year NSU clinical psychology major, walked out of that lecture hall a changed professional. She said, “My goal has always been to work with suicidal youth. It's personal for me. This week's program has broadened

my understanding of the issue and deepened my resolve to continue working and devoting my life to supporting the distinctly unique psychological needs of today's youth.”

National Suicide Prevention Week is an annual event designed to raise awareness that the genuine underlying factors for suicide are quite the departure from the historical interpretations of the conditions resulting in self-annihilation. When we consider the historical numbers of suicides in America's youth — the demographic most susceptible to clinical depression and suicide — the issue is brought home right here to the NSU campus, where the pressures of excellence and perseverance are as high as anywhere in life.

The lecture series at NSU could have held no more value than by what it brought to bear in enlightening attendants as to how to identify the initial warning signs of depression and suicide, the underlying factors, methods of approaching identifiable victims of depression and potential victims of suicide, and exposure to the wide array of available and highly effective treatment options.

The essential purpose of this critically acclaimed national annual event is to dispel the societal myths, expose the truth, dismantle the stigmas, and bring our international community into the understanding that mental illness is exactly that — an illness — nothing more, and nothing less than any other sort of physical illness or injury suffered by anyone in modern society. And, there is help.

The mission of the Ganley Foundation is to bring this highly common malady into specific relief in order to ease the tensions surrounding

the sociological misconceptions and misinterpretations so that victims of depression and their families are less inclined to keep their deadly secrets, and so that all concerned are more inclined to speak out and bring a whole new level of support and assistance to their loved-ones who needlessly suffer in silence.

The NSU Suicide and Violence Prevention staff is devoted to creating a safety net in our community and helping to prevent suicide and violence.

The most effective way to prevent suicide and violence are to know the warning signs. Take the signs seriously and support individuals in accessing the available resources.

It takes a university to create a living safety net. Learn how to get involved.

Remember — the only real risk is in doing nothing.

Contact Erin Procacci, Ph.D., at the NSU Office of Suicide and Violence Prevention: <http://nova.edu/suicideprevention/>

For concerns about NSU students: call the Henderson Student Counseling hotline: (954) 424-6911.

For concerns about NSU employees: call the MHNet hotline at 1-877-398-5816, TTY: 1-800-338-2039.

If you or someone you know is suffering and you want to learn how to help, you can call a Suicide Prevention hotline for 24/7 support: 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433), 1-800-273-TALK (8255)



# Food court pain

Written by:  
**Nathaniel Dolan**

Denny is in the house — yea! And, what a welcome addition to the UC food court “he” is. Indeed, one of the services provided by universities, and most valued by students, is — yep, you just know it’s true — food. And, the better the food — the happier the student is. Although, if the allure of the good food at NSU is sullied by not-so-cool menu prices, then we’re just not going to be as happy as we could be about the whole affair.

Honestly, with several tenures at various colleges throughout my life and across the country, I can tell you that NSU really has it going on in terms of food courts strategically located around the campus and actually serving up some pretty good grub. We should all consider ourselves pretty darned fortunate in this respect. Many college students across the U.S. are subjected daily to the same swill to which we grew accustomed back in high school. You remember don’t you — those “delectable delights” found only in secondary school cafeterias? Dishes with obscure names like “chili mac,” or American standards like franks ‘n’ beans; or that shameful representation of spaghetti and meatballs we all grew to know and “love.” Then, there was always something remotely resembling chicken soup, or those

miserable excuses for pizza. And, let us not forget the ever-so-timeless favorite...“chef’s surprise” (whatever that was). So yeah, we’ve got some real decent chow right here at NSU to tickle our taste buds. If for no other reason, I’m damn proud to be a student here simply because of the food!

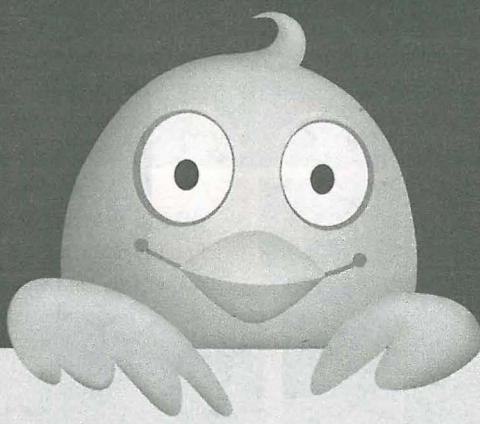
The thing that strikes me as just a little out of sync, and seems to replace the pain of the less-than-palatable food that we all suffered in high school, and other college campuses, with a brand new style of pain — are the prices. At the least, when we were choking down the aforementioned cafeteria swill, the vendors appeared to attempt to ease our pain by selling their slop at prices comparable to the quality of the fare.

Now, I haven’t done a whole lot of distinctive due diligence on this; however, you can trust me when I tell you that I have been eating at restaurants for a really long time, as I am twice the age of most NSU students. Denny’s has always been a personal favorite of mine — ya just gotta love that Grand Slam. As well, I’ve patronized countless Starbucks, Einstein Bros., and convenience store sandwich coolers. And, near as I can determine, the prices we’re subjected to at the campus food outlets do compete pretty darn well with the prices we encounter beyond the campus driveway. And, something about this just smells a little ripe to me.

We can be relatively certain that

there is quite a process that restaurants must navigate in order to win a contract at universities. I highly doubt that it’s all as easy as knocking on the door and declaring “Hey, we’re ready to serve your students!” and then rolling up the roach-coach to the sidewalk. I mean, every one of these restaurants has a captive audience — and a pretty large one at that — of students with money to burn on their account cards and everyone working up a pretty good appetite all day long and well into the night. Thousands upon thousands of students, faculty, and staff are roaming these grounds every day of every week. That’s some pretty decent guaranteed walk-in business for these companies. These outfits are pretty much guaranteed excellent business and profits as long as their doors are open and they have food to sell.

So, what’s with these pricing structures? Shouldn’t we be getting a little bit of a break around here? The fact that the greater proportion of their business is coming from students who are broke, coupled with the fact that we really have no other place to go, given our time constraints between classes, seems to render the pricing at the outlets just a tad bit unjust. Don’t get me wrong. I do appreciate the quality and variety of our available food supplies at NSU. However, given the context, it just seems to me that we all might be getting taken to the cleaners at the register when we pay for our meals.



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## On the Scene:

“I don’t blame him for carrying or using his gun under those circumstances. However, Walgreen’s should stick to their policies, although, it seems that changes to their policies may be called for.” **Olivia Smith, sophomore marine biology major**

Last month, in Michigan, a former Walgreen’s pharmacist, Jeremy Hoven, sued the company for wrongful termination over two alleged policy violations. Surveillance video, released by Hoven’s attorney’s showed the pharmacist thwarting a 4:30 a.m. robbery attempt by firing his own weapon at three armed perpetrators in self-defense. The employee has a concealed-weapons permit. Walgreen’s fired the employee for violating policies which prohibit employees from carrying weapons and instruct employees to avoid confrontation in the event of robbery. The case is ongoing.

**“Should Walgreen’s have fired the employee for carrying and using a firearm in self-defense and thwarting armed robbery just because the company has a policy against confrontation and a policy against carrying weapons?”**

“In a sense, Walgreen’s is guilty of carelessness for not providing proper security measures. Walgreen’s should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for creating circumstances where this might occur.” **Ted Dalcima, senior legal studies/business major**

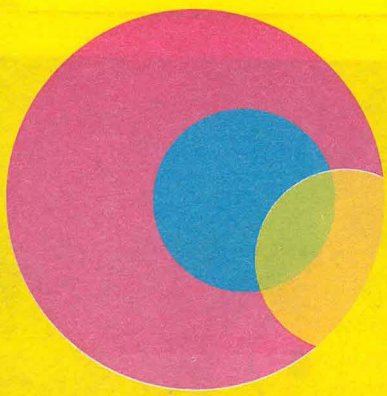
“Walgreen’s is just dead wrong. If they offer overnight service they should provide ample security to protect their people. After all, the man was only protecting Walgreen’s employees and property.” **Isaiah Jones, senior business administration major**

“Walgreen’s is totally in the wrong for not providing security that was requested and denied. And, anyone would rather risk their job over their life.” **Daniela Malo, freshman biology major**

“Regardless of any such policy, Walgreen’s is innately wrong for terminating the employee. He simply protected lives and Walgreen’s property. There should be a law requiring overnight businesses to provide adequate security measures.” **Richard Jackson, junior psychology major**

“Sometimes there are exceptional circumstances that warrant extraordinary measures. Since the company refused to provide proper protection, what choice did the employee have?” **Anya Ellerbroek, freshman sports and exercise major**





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